

**ABSTRACT****CARTRIDGE AND METHOD FOR THE PREPARATION OF BEVERAGES**

- 5           A method of preparing a beverage comprising the  
steps of:
- 10           a)   inserting a first beverage cartridge  
              containing one or more beverage ingredients  
              into a beverage preparation machine;
  - b)   operating said beverage preparation machine  
                  to pass an aqueous medium through the first  
                  beverage cartridge to dispense a first  
                  portion of said beverage into a receptacle;
  - 15           c)   inserting a second beverage cartridge  
              containing one or more beverage ingredients  
              into the beverage preparation machine; and
  - d)   operating the beverage preparation machine to  
                  pass an aqueous medium through the second  
                  beverage cartridge to dispense a second  
20           portion of said beverage into the receptacle;  
              wherein one of the first or second beverage  
              cartridges contains a liquid dairy-based  
              ingredient.